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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated new schemes for the development of tourism in Himalayan areas like Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard;
(c) whether the Government is working for skill development with regard to tourism in these areas and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether a large number of tourist spots are being developed in these areas with the help of foreign countries; and
(e) if so, the details thereof including foreign aid received for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has launched two new schemes in 2014-15 viz. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Himalayan areas.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

Under PRASAD scheme, 23 sites of religious significance have been identified for development in India including Himalayan areas, namely Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Dwarka (Gujarat), Deoghar (Jharkhand), Belur (West Bengal), Gaya (Bihar), Guruvayoor (Kerala), Hazratbal (Jammu & Kashmir), Kamakhya (Assam), Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Puri (Odisha), Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Somnath (Gujarat), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu).

The scheme-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years are as under:
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Swadesh Darhan Scheme: (Rs. in Crore)
Sr. No. Year Budget allocated Expenditure incurred
1 2014-15 20.00 20.00
2 2015-16 310.00 309.55
3 2016-17 706.35 648.35(*)
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PRASAD Scheme: (Rs. in Crore)
Sr. No. Year Budget allocated Expenditure incurred
1 2014-15 15.60 15.60
2 2015-16 40.00 40.00
3 2016-17 100.00 46.24(*)
(*)As on 31st October, 2016.
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(c): Under the existing programme of the Ministry of Tourism, titled Hunar Se Rozgar Tak, training courses are conducted across the country including Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh to create employable skill amongst youth who are minimum eighth pass and in the age group of 18-28 years. The programme is being implemented by a number of organizations including the Institute of Hotel Management, Food Craft Institutes, State Tourism Development Corporations, Classified Hotels and Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management. Presently, this programme covers hospitality trades, namely food production, food & beverage service, bakery and housekeeping, and a few other tourism specific areas.

(d) and (e): The details of projects being carried out in Himalayan region with foreign assistance are as follows:

<pre> (In $ million)
Loan No. Loan Name State Loan Amount Agency
2676-IND Infrastructure Development Investment Programme for Tourism Project-1 Himachal Pradesh 23.10 Asian Development Bank (ADB)
2833-IND Infrastructure Development Investment Programme for Tourism Project-2 Uttarakhand 23.28 ADB

3223-IND Infrastructure Development Investment Programme for Tourism Project-3 Himachal Pradesh Uttarakhand 43.51

38.34 ADB
2578-IND South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project-India Sikkim 20.00 ADB
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